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## Dulles' Departure Was Inevitable

THE RESIGNATION of ALLEN DULLES as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is surely the least surprising event of the year in Washington.

The 68-year-old Director indicated to PRESIDENT KENNEDY when he was reappointed last January that he didn't want to stay more than a year. And since the Cuban invasion fiasco, in which the CIA was widely held to be at least partially responsible, the security agency and its head man have come under considerable criticism.

Undoubtedly DULLES deserved the President's praise for his years of developing the CIA. But it must be said that the agency does not now enjoy the confidence of the public and the Congress that it once held. And in the case of a super-secret body that must work almost totally under cover, the results are about all it can be judged by.

What we have seen in the U-2 incident and the Cuban mistake has led to a feeling that some changes ought to be made. And we have no doubt that the new Director, JOHN A. McCONE, will take office in November with the clear understanding that some shaking-up is in order.

In the present world, unfortunately, the work of international intelligence is as vital as any in our Government. It can lead us to war or it can prevent war. Many of our country's most critical decisions depend on information that can come only from intelligence sources.

JOHN McCONE, who now will take charge of this essential work, comes to the job with a varied experience in business and government. He appears to be well regarded in both Democratic and Republican circles, and obviously is the kind of take-charge boss the CIA must have. The nation wishes him well in a most important assignment.